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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, after line 5, insert therefore, as a new paragraph -- The present invention is defined in accompanying claim 1. --;

line 7, delete "In a first aspect, the" and insert therefore -- The --;

line 7, after the word invention, insert -- thus --;

line 10, after the word webbing, insert -- In a preferred embodiment the clamping surfaces are mutually opposed complementary curved surfaces.

delete lines 12-14.

line 16, delete "second aspect, the present invention provides a" and insert therefore -- preferred arrangement, the --;

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